

May 1, 2017

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In the Matter of
POWERTECH (USA) INC.,
Docket No. 40-9075-MLA; ASLBP No. 10-898-02-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Partial Initial Decision issued on April 30, 2015, the Board directed the Staff to submit monthly reports regarding its consultation efforts with the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

By letter and email dated April 14, 2017, the Staff invited the Oglala Sioux Tribe to participate in a survey of the Dewey-Burdock Project area for sites of cultural, historical, and religious significance to the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Staff requested that the Tribe respond with its acceptance or rejection of this invitation by May 5, 2017.

On April 28, 2017, counsel for the Oglala Sioux Tribe informed counsel for the Staff that he had been informed Ms. Trina Lone Hill was no longer the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and, as a result, a finalized response to the Staff's invitation by the requested date was not realistic.

The Staff is currently reaching out to the Oglala Sioux Tribe to ascertain the appropriate point of contact for consultation with the Tribe on this and other matters.

The Staff will update the Board on the status of its consultation with the Tribe on June 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

***/Signed (electronically) by/
Emily Monteith***

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305, I hereby certify that copies of the "NRC STAFF'S CONSULTATION STATUS REPORT" in this proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 1st day of May, 2017. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its update by electronic mail, also on May 1, 2017.

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